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General Mills recalls frozen meat pizzas

The Consumer Health Services Division of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture is urging consumers to check their freezers for frozen meat pizzas that are a part of a national recall.

General Mills Operations has voluntarily recalled an undetermined amount of frozen meat pizza products. These products may be contaminated with E. coli O157:H7 and may be linked to cases of E. coli illnesses. The contaminated products were traced to a Wellston, Ohio.

The recall includes Totino's The Original Crisp Crust Party Pizza meat pizzas and Jeno's Crisp 'N Tasty Pizza meat pizzas. Each package bears the establishments number "EST. 7750" inside the USDA mark of inspection as well as a "best if used by" date on or before "02 APR 08 WS."

The products are being removed from retail stores in Wyoming, but health officials want to ensure that products do not remain in homes or food service operations. It is important for consumers, retailers, food banks, charitable organizations, child care facilities and other food service operations to be aware of the recall.

E. coli O157:H7 is a bacterium that can cause kidney failure and even death. More common symptoms include bloody diarrhea, vomiting, chills, fever, muscle aches, fatigue and general malaise. Children, seniors and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to foodborne illness. Individuals who feel ill after handling or accidentally consuming any of the recalled products should seek immediate medical attention.

Recalled products should be disposed of immediately. More information is available 24 hours a day at AskKaren.gov or by calling the toll-free USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854). Consumers may also contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7211.

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